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1. The Szczecin shipyard is being enlarged considerably at the present time. It is soon to be extended to include the entire area of the former German Vulkan Werft to the north. The Vulkan shipyards are idle at present and are occupied by a scrap assembly center (Centrala Zlomu). In the opposite direction, the Szczecin shipyard is to be enlarged to include a dead quay presently also used by a scrap assembly center. 25X1
2. Present annual production of the Szczecin shipyard is four sea-going vessels. In addition, the shipyard produces a large number of fishing boats and river craft.
3. The Poles are particularly proud of the assembly-line method used which allows completion of a fishing boat within a few days. A frame-like structure, a Polish "invention", is used, which allows free handling of the boats. The hull is constructed upside down; welded seams are used throughout.
4. Large vessels, of 2,000 tons or more, are constructed in the normal fashion on stocks. Polish navigators state that the ships are excellent; test runs have indicated that the ships are speedy and maneuverable. These ships are built almost exclusively for export. As far as is known, only one ship built at the Szczecin shipyard is presently used by the Poles; all others go principally to Russia and China.
5. Although the Szczecin shipyard is run by the Poles, there is a Russian commission attached to supervise ship construction destined for Russia. Blueprints are of Polish origin but the Russians always have special demands which the Polish technicians are obliged to carry out.
6.  no naval vessels are being constructed at the shipyard. There is no other shipyard in the Szczecin area that builds sea-going vessels. There are, however, numerous other shipyards in the area producing fishing boats and river craft. 25X1

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7. Total present Polish shipbuilding amounts to approximately 250,000 tons.

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